

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

(of SRC meeting held on Thursday, March 22, 1990,
at 10:00 a.m., in Room BC-110, SGW campus)

ATTENDANCE -

Members present: J.N. Lightstone (Chair), J. Segovia, D. Gold, K. Lipke, S. Sankar, M. Lefebvre, A. Williams, V.V. Baba, N. Plant (Secretary)

Absent with regrets: C. Apostostolakos, U. de Brentani, D. Ginter, P. Albert, B. Mackay, M.N.S. Swamy, E. Doedel, G. Mergen

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE In advance:

- SRC-90-03-22-D90 PLAN FOR THE EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CANADA - REPORT PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR EVALUATION OF RESEARCH IN CANADA OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
- SRC-90-03-22-D91 LETTER FROM LAURIE EDWARDS OF PRIMARY SOURCES AND "A STUDY OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH IN CANADA: THE ISSUES", PREPARED BY COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY RESEARCH OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.
- SRC-90-03-22-D92 - LETTER FROM MR. PETER A. LARKIN OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY DATED JANUARY 10, 1990
- SRC-90-03-22-D93 - LETTER FROM MR. PETER A. LARKIN OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA DATED MARCH 2, 1990
- SRC-90-03-22-D94 - DR. V.V. BABA'S RESPONSES TO THE CONCERNS RAISED IN THE ROYAL SOCIETY STUDY OF RESEARCH OF CANADA
- SRC-90-03-22-D95 - DR. V.V. BABA'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING IMAGE BUILDING AND PUBLICITY IN RESEARCH

SRC-90-03-22-D96 - COPY OF LETTER TO DEANS - HELPING FACULTY DEVELOP RESEARCH PROPOSALS

SRC-90-03-22-D97 - INTRODUCTION SECTION OF THE "DIRECTORY OF FUNDED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES 1988 - 1989", COMPILED BY CHRISTINE TAWTEL

At Meeting:

SRC-90-03-22-D98 - SOCIALIZATION OF FACULTY TO THE VALUE OF RESEARCH SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- 1.1 The agenda was approved by the Committee. Item no. 7 has been postponed until P. Albert will be able to present his document.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 2.1 D. Gold made a correction to the minutes of the last meeting, page 5, last paragraph: should be "There is a misperception" Instead of "... perception".
- 2.2 J. Segovia made a correction to the minutes of the last meeting, page 6, paragraph 6.1: what he meant was the central administration of the University should not be both players and referees (administrator and adjudicator) of the grants. He also asked that the response to D.Gold's question be recorded. He expressed that "Research both supports and enriches the profession".

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 3.1 The Committee discussed the issue of Centres and how to establish a procedure to deal with proposals and their approval (including budgeting); the SRC's document is currently being incorporated into procedures being drafted in the Office of the Vice-Rector, Academic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.0 Report of the Director of ORS

4.1.1 Audrey Williams announced that NSERC personnel will be giving an information session in the afternoon of March 22.

4.1.2 NSERC results regarding strategic grants have been announced. Operating grants increased by 4.5% and equipment grants increased by 21%. Major equipment and U.R.F.'s are not yet in.

The third quarter funding for the University is approximately \$11,856,000. An increase of approximately \$2 million above year's level.

4.1.3 It was noted that individuals can no longer make donations to their own miscellaneous research accounts and receive receipts for charitable donations, however, they can make donations to their Faculty.

4.2 University Budget, FRDP and Office of University Industrial Relations

4.2.1 Chair announced that funding for the FRDP has been included in the provisional budget. The projected operating cost has been approved in full (\$375,000), whereas only a quarter (\$80,000 of \$395,000) has been approved for equipment for 1990 - 1991. The Chair is optimistic that the difference in funding will be supplemented by the Rector's special initiatives fund.

4.2.2. The Chair announced the budget for the Industrial Liaison offices has been provisionally approved.

A CITEC conference was held on Wednesday, March 21st, at which the Montreal universities participated. A major increase in R & D will result when 2 technoparks are established in the Montreal area. CITEC members, consisting of leading businessmen in the Montreal area, expect that each university will have established offices which will facilitate the transfer of technology to these industries.

4.3 Library Acquisition

The Chair stated Concordia was given a special grant of \$1,000,000 for 2 years from the Quebec Government, to increase our library acquisition. He noted, up to date less than \$200,000 had been spent on books because the grant did not provide funding for the cataloguing of new books.

On behalf of the Senate Research Committee, the Chair will send a letter to Dr. Giguère deploring this solution. Dr. Giguère has already assigned members of his office to look into this task.

5.1 Royal Society of Canada

The Royal Society of Canada will be conducting hearing on May 3 and 4, at the University of Montreal. Each university has been allotted a maximum of 3 oral presentations of 10 minutes each, followed by questions from the Royal Society of Canada.

The Chair asked the committee if they have any suggestions how best Concordia can use the 3 allotted times. His proposals were:

1. Question of differentiation and research funding
2. What of the Social Sciences, Humanities and Applied Social Sciences, are they excluded in the 5 year study?
3. Addressing the issue of Fine Arts. There is no strong program, such as NSERC or SSHRC available. The Canada Council funds for the most part artists outside the universities.

There is no limit, however, to the amount of supporting documentation which can be supplied.

The Chair requested that Committee Members give their written suggestions regarding this issue by April 5th. A memo will be sent to Committee members as a reminder.

6.0 Baba - Image Building

Dr. Baba discussed his document which was based on four areas; information system, research promotion, publicity and intervention.

The Committee members discussed various ways in which these areas could be fulfilled, e.g. expansion of the Directory of Funded Research; cultivation of local media (Gazette science reporter) and the undergraduate students, etc.

It was decided that:

- Dr. Rosenblatt would be consulted for further marketing strategies;
- a permanent budget should be set aside for a high profile symposia each year;
- the establishment of rotating faculty chairs. Primarily to permit high profile research activities, training of graduate students and the holding of public lectures.

8.0

Response to Initiative

The Chair informed the committee that he would be attending the Administrative Council of Commerce and Administration Faculty. Dean Bertrand was to discuss this proposal with his Chairs.

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Next Meeting Scheduled for Friday, April 20th at 1:00 P.M.